

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1571

C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 7434

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, ID

SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK CASE

REF: (A) STATE 129920, (B) JAKARTA 6439, (C) JAKARTA 6133,  
(D) JAKARTA 7395

1. CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT HAS PROCEEDED ALONG LINES OF  
SCENARIO OUTLINED REFS B AND C. HE INTERVIEWED FONMIN  
MALIK YESTERDAY (JUNE 6) AND TEXT OF INTERVIEW IS BEING  
SHOWN TO MALIK TODAY. IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN,  
INTERVIEW WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE 20 NEWSWEEK ISSUE,  
WHICH WILL BE FIRST TO BE REDISTRIBUTED IN INDONESIA.

2. AS NOTED REF B CHRISTOPHER DID NOT HAVE APPOINTMENT  
WITH PRESIDENT. HE DID HAVE FEW WORDS WITH SUHARTO DURING  
JUNE 2 CALL BY ALL CSIS SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS AND, AS  
REPORTED REF D, PHOTOGRAPH OF HCV WITH PRESIDENT WAS FRONT  
PAGED BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

3. ONLY UNTOWARD INCIDENT THUS FAR WAS PRESS RELEASE BY  
MINISTER OF INFORMATION MASHURI'S OFFICE AFTER CHRISTOPHER  
CALLED ON HIM MAY 29 STATING THAT CHRISTOPHER HAD  
REPEATED "HEARTFELT REGRETS" OVER THE NOV. 8 ARTICLE AND  
THAT GOI WOULD RECONSIDER BAN ON NEWSWEEK AFTER IT HAD  
SEEN RESULTS OF CHRISTOPHER'S INTERVIEWS IN JAKARTA.

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AFTER CONFERRING WITH GOI REPRESENTATIVES, CHRISTOPHER  
ISSUED JUNE 1 STATEMENT DENYING THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED  
REGRET OVER NOV. 8 ARTICLE, STATING INTER ALIA THAT HE  
HAD MADE NO COMMITMENT TO WRITE ARTICLE OR SERIES OF  
ARTICLES, AND NOTING THAT NEWSWEEK WOULD NOT PUBLISH AN  
ARTICLE IN ORDER TO WIN A FAVORABLE EVALUATION FROM ANY  
GOVERNMENT. LIM BIAN KIE AND CHRISTOPHER INFORMED US THAT

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT'S GAFFE WAS RESULT OF MASHURI'S  
UNAWARENESS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS TO WHICH CHRISTOPHER HAD  
AGREED AND THAT CHRISTOPHER'S RESPONSE WAS APPROVED BY  
APPROPRIATE GOI AUTHORITIES.  
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